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Wall hails Nebraska support in Keystone XL approval bid

Final decision rests with Obama. Neb. governor says he'll allow pipeline to go through his state

Premier Brad Wall says the approval of the Keystone XL oil pipeline by Nebraska's governor is helpful.

Wall says that means all of the governors along the route through the United States support the project and hopefully that will affect the final decision.

"Now we have literally all of the governors along the route and then some outside the route who are very supportive in very recent days of the pipeline," Wall said.

"I am hoping that will have an impact on the decision."

Nebraska's Republican Gov. Dave Heineman has sent a letter to U.S. President Barack Obama saying he'll allow the pipeline to go through his state along a revised route that skirts an environmentally sensitive area.

The U.S. State Department, which has jurisdiction because the pipeline crosses an international border, is to make a recommendation to Obama.

"Nebraska is a pretty key player in all of this," Wall said. "Their concerns over the aquifer, I think, certainly buttress those whose position it was to oppose the pipeline for some understandable concerns over the aquifer."

The $7-billion pipeline would carry bitumen from Alberta's oilsands to refineries along the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Wall and 10 Republican governors sent a letter to Obama last week urging him to approve the pipeline.

Wall said, if the pipeline is built, it should improve the price the province gets for its oil. Saskatchewan receives West Texas Intermediate prices as opposed to the Brent crude price, and the difference can be between 15 and 18 dollars a barrel.

"Right now, in the province of Saskatchewan, we are losing — Saskatchewan people are losing — about $300 million in additional oil royalty revenue every single year," Wall said. "The Keystone pipeline, it is felt by many, will close and eliminate the gap."

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Alberta reaction

- Alberta Energy Minister Ken Hughes says he is pleased with the development.
- He said Keystone, which will ship oilsands bitumen to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast, is just one part of the puzzle.
- Hughes said the province still needs pipelines to eastern Canada and to the west coast to ship oil to booming markets in Asia.

Premier Brad Wall speaks with media on Tuesday about Saskatchewan's stake in the Keystone XL pipeline at the cabinet office in Saskatoon. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO IN SASKATOON

Riders release former all-stars

The team cuts James Patrick and Sandro DeAngelis, while re-signing defensive lineman Tearrius George PAGE 12

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Famed poet Robbie Burns left his mark in Edinburgh PAGE 9

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Regina police involved in rare on-duty shooting

Tuesday morning incident. Officer dragged by vehicle; independent observer to take part in investigation

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A 24-year-old man was shot in the leg on Tuesday by a Regina police officer, police say.

The incident occurred when two members of the Regina Police Service were dispatched to a vehicle, described as a white Toyota, in the east alley of the 700 block of McTavish Street at about 5 a.m.

"One of the officers approached the vehicle in the alley, and as the officer approached the vehicle, the vehicle approached him," RPS Chief Troy Hagen said.

"The officer subsequently fired one round from his firearm, which penetrated the windshield and the dash. It also struck a 24-year-old male in the vehicle. This person was struck in the right leg."

The officer, a 38-year-old man with five years of RPS experience, was also injured.

According to Hagen, "The vehicle continued to move and as the officer approached the vehicle, he entered the vehicle and was subsequently dragged by the vehicle."

It is believed the officer was dragged 20 to 30 feet and incurred injuries to his legs and hands. Both the suspect and the officer were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Both were discharged later in the day and the suspect was taken into custody.

By the numbers

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An RPS officer hasn't fired while on duty since 2011. According to the RPS, there have been only three occurrences of officers discharging firearms in the line of duty in the past 10 years.

Regina Police Chief Troy Hagen says an independent investigation has been launched into the Tuesday morning shooting. JEFF MACKEY/METRO

An independent investigation has been launched into the shooting, which is the protocol when a police officer fires a weapon on duty.

Police have laid several charges against Kendall Bradley, of Kamsack, Sask. They include assaulting a police officer, assault with a weapon (vehicle) and possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking. He will make his first appearance in provincial court on Wednesday.

Saskatchewan housing unaffordable: Report

On a median scale of housing affordability, a rating of 3.0 or less is considered affordable, but Regina scored a 3.8, while Saskatoon scored 4.3, the Frontier Centre for Public Policy says. JANE CAULFIELD/METRO IN SASKATOON

Buying a house in Saskatchewan can be an expensive undertaking, a new study suggests.

"We're still in the middle of the pack, relatively to the rest of the country," Premier Brad Wall said. "We've identified housing as an issue. We know it is tight and the cost is moving up."

The study, released on Jan. 21 by the Frontier Centre for Public Policy, examines housing affordability rates, which are determined by dividing the median house price by the median gross annual income and comparing the rates on both national and international scales. A rate below 3.0 is considered affordable, while a rate above 5.0 is listed as "severely unaffordable."

Saskatchewan's two biggest urban centres, Regina and Saskatoon, are rated unaffordable, with rates of 3.8 and 4.3 respectively.

Wall said affordability issues are related to the province's rapid growth, adding that the government is focused on addressing the problems and providing solutions.

"We've taken a number of steps with our five-point housing plan that is focused on building more public housing," he said. "The economy is growing faster than the market's ability to respond with housing. I would rather have these challenges, though they are challenges, than the ones we used to have."

Canada-wide, New Brunswick is the most affordable place to live, with both Fredericton and Moncton scoring a low rating of 2.3. Vancouver is the least affordable place to live, with a rating of 9.5.

Internationally, Canada became more affordable this year and has the third-most affordable housing market.

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Might be drug-related

Another suspect arrested in Prince Albert slaying

A sixth person has been charged in a homicide and an attempted murder in Prince Albert that police suspect may have been connected to the drug trade.

RCMP say the 20-year-old man, who had been wanted on a Canada-wide warrant, was arrested last Wednesday in Hobbema, Alta.

Michael Trevor Andrew Ward is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Dakota Nayneecassum and attempting to kill a second man.

Nayneecassum, who was 18, died last September.

Four other adults and a 16-year-old boy are also charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder.

Two of the suspects are from Saskatchewan, while the others are from Alberta. THE CANADIAN PRESS/CJLR

RCMP investigation

Policeman charged with assault

An off-duty RCMP officer faces four counts of common assault in a domestic-violence case. The 45-year-old Indian Head resident has more than 20 years of service and is based in Regina. The assaults allegedly span from August 2009 to December 2012. Police are not releasing his name to protect the identity of the complainant. METRO

Facebook claim

Officer accused of leaving man outside city limits

The Saskatoon Police Service is investigating claims that one of its officers dropped off a 19-year-old man outside the Saskatoon city limits, allegedly forcing him to walk home.

A Facebook entry on the wall of Laurie Bull, posted at roughly midnight on Monday, outlined the allegations. Since then, the post has been shared more than 500 times.

Alyson Edwards, director of public affairs with the Saskatoon Police Service, said a watch commander received a call from a woman at 1:39 a.m. on Jan. 22 with information about the claim, but said no official complaint has been filed.

The SPS Professional Standards Division is investigating the claim.

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Israel votes. Netanyahu, hard-line allies win slight majority, exit polls show

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his hard-line allies fared far worse than expected in a parliamentary election Tuesday, preliminary results showed, likely forcing him to reach across the aisle to court a popular political newcomer to cobble together a new coalition.

While Netanyahu appeared positioned to serve a third term as prime minister, the results marked a major setback for his policies and could force him to make new concessions to restart long-stalled peace talks with the Palestinians.

His most likely partner was Yesh Atid, or There is a Future, a party headed by political newcomer Yair Lapid that showed surprising strength. Lapid has said he would only join a government committed to sweeping economic changes and a resumption of peace talks with the Palestinians.

Addressing his supporters early Wednesday, Netanyahu vowed to form as broad a coalition as possible. He said the next government would be built on principles that include reforming the contentious system of granting draft exemptions to ultra-Orthodox Jewish men and the pursuit of a "genuine peace" with the Palestinians. He did not elaborate, but the message seemed aimed at Lapid.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shortly after the results were announced, Netanyahu called Lapid and offered to work together. "We have the opportunity to do great things together," Netanyahu was quoted as saying by Likud officials.

According to preliminary results, Netanyahu's Likud-Yisrael Beitenu alliance was set to capture about 31 of the 120 seats, significantly fewer than the 42 it held. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reprisals feared after Prince Harry admits to Taliban killings

Media melee. Fevered press response reflects naivety about the realities of war, one British colonel claims

Prince Harry's admission that he killed Taliban fighters while working as a helicopter gunner in Afghanistan drew intense British media coverage Tuesday and sparked concerns about possible reprisals.

The 28-year-old prince spoke in a pooled interview published late Monday after he was safely out of Afghanistan. He had spent the last 20 weeks deployed as a co-pilot and gunner in a heavily-armed Apache attack helicopter.

Asked if he had killed from the cockpit, the third-in-line to the British throne said, "Yeah, so, lots of people have."

The response was immediate Tuesday: The Daily Mirror tabloid ran a page-one headline, "Royal Sensation Harry: I Killed Taliban," along with a photo of a macho-looking Harry in combat gear and designer shades. Other newspapers ran similar gung-ho stories about the prince's military exploits. "Harry: I Have Killed" was the story in the Daily Mail.

Prince Harry talks to a TV crew at Camp Bastion in southern Afghanistan on Dec. 12, 2012. The Ministry of Defence announced Monday that the 28-year-old is returning from a 20-week deployment in Afghanistan, where he served as an Apache helicopter pilot with the Army Air Corps. JOHN STILLWELL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Video shot during the prince's deployment was shown dozens of times on Britain's major news networks.

In Parliament on Tuesday, Defence Minister Mark Francois praised Harry, saying the prince should be commended for his bravery.

Lindsey German, leader of the Stop the War Coalition, called Harry's comments "arrogant and insensitive" and raised the prospect that Harry might have accidently targeted Afghan civilians.

Former officer Charles Heyman, who edits a yearbook on British forces, said the prince's words may raise the already high threat level against him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Three people wounded in Texas college shooting

This frame grab shows the scene at Lone Star College Tuesday after a shooting on campus. Three people were wounded. KPRC TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fight between two people led to a shooting at a Texas community college Tuesday and sent students fleeing for safety as officials placed the campus on lockdown, officials said. A maintenance worker was caught in the crossfire and wounded.

One of the people involved in the fight had a student ID, and both were wounded and hospitalized, Harris County Sheriff's Maj. Armando Tello said. A fourth person was also taken to hospital for a medical condition, he said.

The two people involved in the fight are considered persons of interest, Tello said. Authorities said they weren't looking for any other suspects and that they recovered one handgun at the scene.

The shooting, which happened before 1 p.m., sent students scurrying for safety on the Lone Star College System campus, about 32 kilometres north of downtown Houston. Some barricaded themselves in the rooms they were in, while others fled to nearby buildings.

Mark Zaragosa said he had just come out of an emergency medical training class when he saw two people who were injured and stopped to help them.

"The two people that I took care of had just minor injuries," Zaragosa told a local TV station. "One gentleman had a gunshot to the knee, and the (other) actually had an entry wound to the lower buttocks area."

The wounded maintenance worker, said to be in his mid-50s, was listed as being in stable condition.

The shooting comes one month after a gunman killed 20 children and six adults at an elementary school in Connecticut, heightening security concerns at campuses across the country and fuelling a national debate about gun control. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gun control

- President Obama has proposed a package of gun-control changes that are expected to face stiff opposition from Republicans, who control the House of Representatives.
- In Texas, several school districts have implemented or are considering a plan to allow faculty to carry guns. The Texas Legislature may also debate a bill that would allow guns on college campuses.

Algerian hostage-taking

Ottawa calls in Algerian envoy to demand proof of terrorist links

The Foreign Affairs Department has called in Algeria's ambassador to Canada to get more information on why the country's prime minister labelled some of the hostage-takers in last week's gas-plant siege as Canadian.

The Algerian prime minister said Monday that a total of 38 workers and 29 militants died, offering the government's first detailed account of the attack that ended in a bloody military raid, which he defended as the only way to end the conflict. Five foreigners are still unaccounted for.

Canada's diplomatic dressing down was part of Ottawa's ongoing efforts to confirm or debunk reports that there were two Canadians among the terrorists involved in the attack on the remote plant in the Algerian desert.

The federal government is operating on the assumption that, unless they can determine otherwise, any identifying papers that might point to Canadian involvement are likely fake. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Islamist occupation

Malian and French forces gaining ground on rebels

American planes transported French troops and equipment to Mali, a U.S. military spokesman said Tuesday, as Malian and French forces pushed into the Islamist-held north.

The town of Douentza had been held by Islamist rebels for four months, located 195 kilometres northeast of Mopti, the previous line-of-control held by the Malian military in Mali's narrow central belt. The Islamist fighters have controlled the vast desert stretches of northern Mali, with the weak government clinging to the south since a military coup in the capital in March last year unleashed chaos.

French and Malian troops arrived in Douentza on Monday to find that the Islamists had retreated from it, said resident Sali Maiga. "The Malian military and the French army spent their first night, and the people are very happy," Maiga said Tuesday.

A curfew went into effect at 8 p.m., and no gunfire or other incidents were reported overnight, he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Philippine shooting

Canadian killer's background still under investigation

A Canadian man facing charges of illegal possession of firearms opened fire in a Philippine courtroom Tuesday, killing two people and wounding a prosecutor before police fatally shot him, officials said.

The suspect, John Pope, appeared in court in central Cebu city to face the charges when he pulled out a gun and shot a lawyer and a physician who filed a case against him, police said.

He then fired at a prosecutor in the hallway of the building before police fatally wounded him, said police Chief Mariano Natuel.

Regional police director Marcelo Garbo said Pope ignored orders to surrender and tried to fire at police.

The Philippine Star reported on its website Tuesday that Pope, who was in his 60s, was carrying two firearms — a .357 revolver that he used to shoot the victims and a .45 pistol police later recovered from a bag he carried.

Police said they were investigating Pope's background. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

‘Death video’ guard tells Smith inquest of stress

Ashley Smith. Guard testifies about job woes, getting arrested after death of teen at Ontario prison

A prison guard testified Tuesday about the shock he felt at finding himself at a police station under arrest, stripped of his shoes and facing charges in the death of a teenaged inmate whose death throes he had videotaped.

At the inquest into the death of Ashley Smith, Rudy Burnett said he felt as if he had been criminally convicted, even though he believed he had done nothing wrong.

“It was not a very nice situation. I was under a lot of stress. I was very agitated,” he said.

The calm, soft-spoken Burnett, who now works at a halfway house for men, also testified about the difficulties of being a guard in the prison system.

Among other things, he said, he had witnessed serious assaults.

“It’s very traumatic,” he told coroner’s court. “Over the years, you do sort of get desensitized.”

He said he relied on family and church to help him keep a sense of himself.

Burnett, who was charged with criminal negligence and failing to provide the necessities of life in Smith’s death, was grilled about his reluctance to give police the names of the other guards present at her death.

His lawyer had advised him to say as little as possible, coroner’s court heard.

Asked if prison guards were like a “fraternity” and he was trying to protect the others, Burnett said a fraternity conjured up an image of college hijinx.

“I really don’t consider it a fraternity,” he said. “More like a brotherhood.”

Charges against Burnett, who had been pressed into videotaping the choking death of Smith in her cell in Kitchener, Ont., five years ago, were dropped.

On Monday, jurors saw his video of the frantic last-ditch efforts to save Smith, 19, of Moncton, N.B., who had tied a ligature around her neck in her segregation cell at the Grand Valley Institution.

Burnett was a fill-in guard who had just completed a night shift and was seconds from leaving for home when an “all call” sounded, indicating an emergency. He turned and went to respond, and found a video camera thrust into his hands.

Pressed about why he didn’t intervene as Smith lay dying, he insisted he was just doing the job he was given and following orders to videotape.

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Ashley Smith is shown surrounded by guards at Joliette Institution in Joliette, Que., on July 26, 2007, in this image made from video. HANDOUT/OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CORONER FOR ONTARIO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal. Boy, 12, charged after brother, 16, shot dead

A 12-year-old boy was charged Tuesday in connection with the shooting death of his older brother in a case that has devastated a family and left neighbours in disbelief.

The boy, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt and striped trackpants, stood expressionless in a Montreal courtroom as he was charged with manslaughter and illegal possession of a loaded, prohibited weapon.

While authorities did not lay murder charges in Monday’s death of his 16-year-old sibling, they did not describe the shooting as a complete accident either.

“Obviously because he’s charged with manslaughter, it’s not an accident — the evidence doesn’t show it’s an accident,” said Crown prosecutor Marie-Claude Bourassa, without revealing the suspected circumstances.

Due to his age, the boy faces a maximum sentence of three years in youth detention if convicted. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drunk driving OK’d by rural Irish county

Where else but in Ireland, where pub life is woven into the country’s cultural fabric, would this happen?

Kerry County Council has passed a motion for a permit system that would allow isolated rural people to drink over the legal limit and drive home.

County Mayor Terry O’Brien, however, stands opposed.

“The councillor who actually moved this owns a pub,” O’Brien told Torstar News Service. “And people who voted with him also own pubs.”

The motion, tabled by Coun. Danny Healy-Rae, passed by a vote of 5-3.

Usually, there are 27 councillors in the chamber, but the debate dragged into the night. In the end, there were only 12 or 13 remaining, and a handful abstained, the mayor said.

Before becoming law, the motion has to be approved by the Department of Justice — O’Brien doesn’t think the government will pass it.

O’Brien said he fought hard against the motion because he’s worried about more carnage in County Kerry, which has a population of about 145,000.

Can a strict limit of three pints, low speed and the luck o’ the Irish keep folks safe? CATE GILLON/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Healy-Rae told Torstar News Service that he brought the motion because his constituents feel “trapped in their homes.”

He explained that people in rural areas cannot take public transit and have limited access to taxis.

He also referred to “lonely” people who developed depression and committed suicide.

Healy-Rae owns Jackie Healy-Rae’s pub in Kilgarvin.

The controversial motion suggested that the police would have the discretion to issue permits to allow certain people to drink up to three pints and drive home along a rural road at no more than 30 km/h.

“How would you begin to (distinguish) who had one pint and who had two?” the mayor asked.

O’Brien thinks the motion could have deadly consequences.

“I cannot imagine any person having the authority or experience to be able to judge a person after two or three pints,” O’Brien said.

The County Kerry mayor said he is sympathetic to isolated people in rural areas.

“There’s an elderly population out there who are living alone. Unfortunately, I couldn’t support giving people this licence,” he said. “What happens when the first person is killed with this?”

National statistics show that Ireland’s road deaths have been falling annually as well as the number of people who are charged with drinking while intoxicated.

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All those opposed

“I think it’s absolute madness.”

County Mayor Terry O’Brien

Romania. Three arrested in multimillion-dollar art heist in Netherlands

Romanian authorities have arrested three suspects in last year’s multimillion-dollar art heist from a Netherlands art gallery, Dutch police said Tuesday. But the paintings, by artists including Picasso, Matisse and Monet, have not been recovered.

The announcement marked the first breakthrough since thieves swiped the seven pieces on Oct. 16 in a late-night raid at the Kunsthal gallery in Rotterdam.

Two thieves forced their way into the gallery through an emergency door and snatched the paintings. Security cameras showed the thieves fleeing within two minutes. Police arrived less than five minutes after the break-in.

It was the biggest art theft in more than a decade in the Netherlands. The stolen works have an estimated value of tens of millions of dollars if they were sold at auction.

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New Zealand. Economist says cats must go in order to save endangered birds

Gareth Morgan has a dream: a New Zealand free of pet cats that threaten native birds.

Morgan, an economist and businessman, called on his countrymen Tuesday to make their current cat their last in order to save the nation’s unique bird species. He set up a website, Cats To Go, depicting a kitten with horns. The opening line: “That little ball of fluff you own is a natural-born killer.”

He doesn’t recommended people euthanize their current cats — “Not necessarily but that is an option” — but rather neuter them and not replace them when they die.

For millennia, New Zealand’s birds had no predators. Some species, like the kiwi, became flightless. But the arrival of mankind and its introduction of predators like cats, dogs and rodents has wiped out some native bird species.

However, Morgan’s campaign is not sitting well in a country that boasts one of the highest cat-ownership rates in the world. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

John Furlong

New allegations aimed at former Olympic CEO

The reporter behind an article that accused former Vancouver Olympic CEO John Furlong of abusing students in B.C. 40 years ago has added new accusations in her statement of defence, alleging Furlong abused a former spouse and raped another.

Laura Robinson’s statement of defence says she was contacted by a former common-law spouse of Furlong’s, asserting he “raped her many times.” Robinson also alleges Furlong beat his former wife, Margaret Furlong.

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Gatineau

Woman charged with poisoning

Gatineau police say they have charged a woman with poisoning two of her co-workers with an anti-psychotic last year.

The force says it received the initial complaint on Feb. 16, 2012, when two victims, aged 37 and 61, felt ill after eating their lunch.

Lise Filion, 60, is scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday.

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Has Apple lost its shine?

iPhone sales. Observers look to Wednesday's first-quarter earnings report to confirm or quell rising skepticism

For many investors, Apple's best days are behind it. Competitors are catching up, they believe, and the latest iPhone is stumbling.

The company's doubters have backed their conviction with billions of dollars. Last week, the stock fell below $500 US for the first time in 11 months. Since Apple's stock peaked at $705.07 US on Sept. 21 — the day of the iPhone 5's release — it has fallen nearly 30 per cent, cutting Apple's market capitalization by nearly $200 billion US.

On Wednesday, Apple — still the world's most valuable public company — gets a chance to rebut the skeptics as it reports financial results for the holiday quarter. But the report could also end up confirming beliefs that the company is losing its edge as an arbiter of innovation and a pacesetter in sales growth.

Apple's perception problem centres on the iPhone. Many investors believe the company has painted itself into a corner with the high-priced gadget. The iPhone is more expensive than other smartphones that do many of the same things. The company created the modern smartphone, but because of its strategy to sell the iPhone at a large premium, it will be unable to capitalize fully as smartphones continue conquering the world. The iPhone seems destined to remain the phone of the elite who can afford it.

In many ways, the iPhone's global battle with phones running Google's Android operating system is a replay of the Mac-PC battles of the '80s and '90s, when Apple saw its innovative-yet-expensive Mac outflanked by cheaper PCs running Microsoft's DOS and Windows software.

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Rallying points

- While Apple's future prospects are in doubt, the company's supporters have one strong argument in their favour: The stock is cheap compared to current earnings, and even if the iPhone's sales growth slows, Apple will continue to generate plenty of revenue.
- The stock trades at 11 times the past 12 months of earnings, compared with 15 for Microsoft Corp. and 22 for Google Inc. Those figures don't take into account Apple's enormous cash pile — $121 billion US — which boosts its value even further.

Brussels

AB InBev wins latest EU round in battle of Buds

Ask for a "Bud" in the EU and the only one you'll get is by brewing giant AB InBev, a high court has ruled in a rejection of a challenge from the Czech company Budejovicky Budvar. The firms have fought for a century over the right to use "Budweiser" on bottles and kegs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Montreal

Air Canada CEO still bullish on Dreamliners

Air Canada's chief executive is confident battery problems plaguing the new Boeing 787 Dreamliner will be resolved quickly. Calin Rovinescu, speaking Tuesday to the Montreal Chamber of Commerce, said problems are common with new models and Air Canada still expects to begin taking delivery of the first of the 37 Dreamliners it has ordered starting in 2014.

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The main lithium-ion battery, left, and an undamaged battery from an All Nippon Airways' Boeing 787 that made an emergency landing in Japan Jan. 16. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Calgary

Griffiths Energy to pay $10.35M for bribing officials

Griffiths Energy will pay a $10.35-million fine after pleading guilty to a bribery charge for payments made to officials in Chad. The Calgary-based company disclosed last week it had been charged under a Canadian law called the Corruption of Foreign Public Officials Act.

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Discount retail

Walmart to finish 37 supercentres over next year

Walmart Canada plans to complete at least 37 additional supercentre projects by the end of next January, bringing the total number of Canadian locations to 388. Nine of those locations will be new stores, and the rest will be conversions of existing properties into supercentres with a grocery offering. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Even if you're not exactly sure why, you know this is a bad idea.

A Harvard biologist says it's possible to bring the Neanderthal back to life through cloning. All he needs is some caveman DNA and the womb of an "extremely adventurous female human" and voila!

Yikes! Troglotykes!

Yes, the Neanderthal is traditionally regarded as the loser in the race to the top of the food chain, rendered extinct 30,000-plus years ago, unable to overcome the challenge of the wittier, more upright, photogenic Homo sapiens, i.e.: us.

As prehistory is written by the victors, we're used to thinking of the Neanderthal as slow-witted, rude and, of course, extinct.

Recently though, the Neanderthal image has undergone a bit of an upgrade as scientists have discovered that they had a larger brain capacity than Guess Who. It also turns out Homo sapiens weren't so fussy back then when it came to sharing the cave … all of us have a little Neanderthal DNA. Which might help explain our rapid descent down the evolutionary tree after a couple of drinks.

Back from extinction?

Prof. Church thinks it might be a good idea to breed a Neanderthal and encourage him/her to use that excess cranial capacity to solve some modern problems.

But now, Harvard's George Church, who looks a little like a Neanderthal elder (robust, hairy), in a new book called Regenesis: How Synthetic Biology will Reinvent Nature and Ourselves, outlines how theoretically easy it is to resurrect extinct species, as long as we have viable DNA.

Prof. Church thinks it might be a good idea to breed a Neanderthal and encourage him/her to use that excess cranial capacity to solve some modern problems.

For example:

"Trog, how should we address world hunger?"

Answer: "Eat more!"

Or, "Trog, what's the secret to world peace?"

Answer: "Bash foe good!"

You can see how this could be helpful, as long as we stick to single syllables.

Prof. Church is a very smart man. He was one of the pioneers of the Human Genome Project and has helped launch two dozen biotech firms. But you wonder if he could do with a bit more of that vaunted Neanderthal cranial capacity.

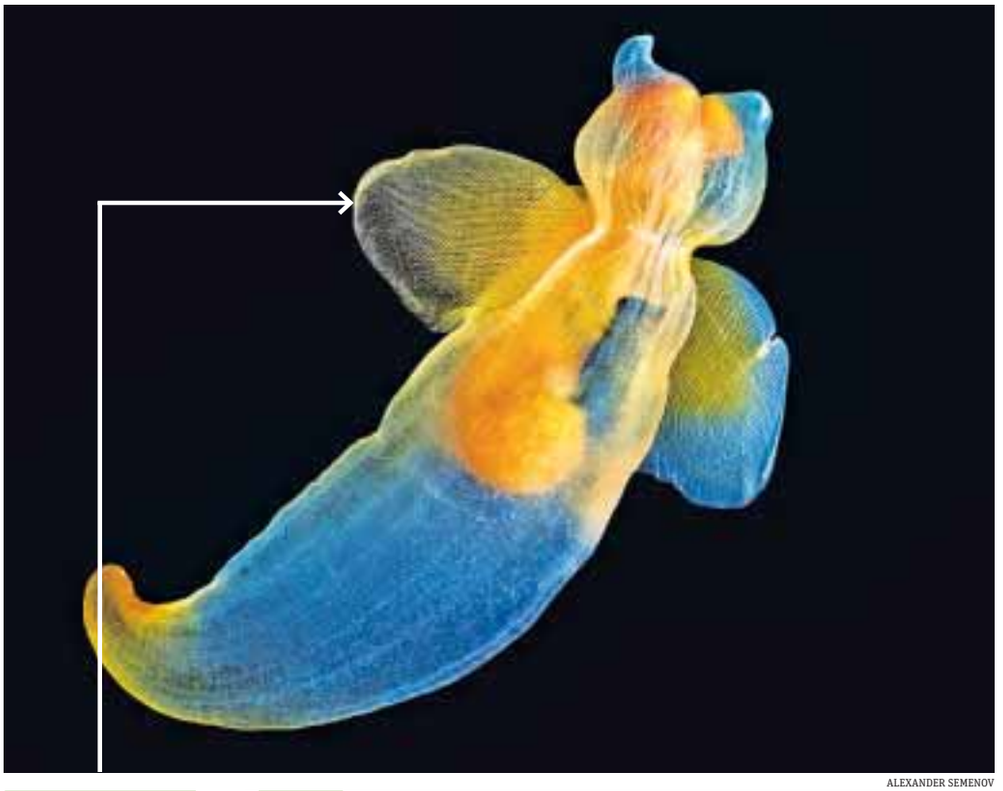
Meanwhile, the call is out for that "extremely adventurous female human" to act as the troglotyke's incubator. Presumably, Prof. Church will be looking for someone with prior experience, like Rosemary.

But smirk as we might (and we do), this is ultimately a tragic tale. How would you like to grow up knowing your last chance to meet a nice girl and settle down expired 30,000 years ago, and everyone thinks you're one strand short of a genome, like the guy in the Geico commercial: So Easy, a Caveman Could Do It?

Exactly. It's fun until someone gets his feelings hurt. And then he bashes your head in.

Say hello to what could be your new neighbour. ISTOCK

Angels swimming in the sea



ALEXANDER SEMENOV

Underwater shooting

Deep sea's beauty revealed

Think deep sea and images of creatures untouched by nature's beauty come to mind: fang-toothed angler fish, translucent sea worms and eerie squids, just to name a few. But this photo of a vibrant, rainbow-coloured sea angel in Russia's White Sea by Alexander Semenov shows a prettier side of what lurks below.

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Q and A

Sea slugs are vibrant

ALEXANDER SEMENOV
Photographer, zoologist at White Sea Biological Station, Russia

What makes deep-sea photography so special?

The deep water is a very diverse place for animals. The countless factors that affect natural life — salinity, water temperature, depth, different types of water — create a unique ecosystem, something that we will never see in an aquarium.

What presents the biggest challenge in underwater photography?

First of all, it's difficult to do anything in the water. It's tricky enough to stay close to your subject while making sure that your flippers don't churn up a cloud of haze from the bottom. The shooting process can be tough, too: you have to set the lighting functions at the right moment. But the biggest problem is temperature. Sometimes the water is –1.5 C — after 20 to 30 minutes, you lose the feeling in your hands despite having thick gloves.

Why the fascination with sea slugs?

I like all of the inhabitants of the underwater world, but nudibranchs (a species of sea slugs) are particularly interesting as they are one of the most vibrant groups. They possess every colour and shape combination imaginable. METRO WORLD NEWS

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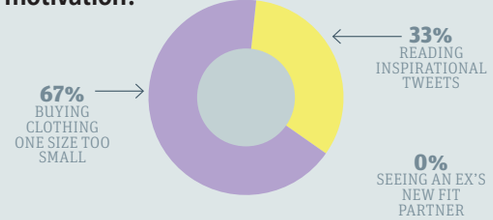

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@drmarcspooner: I'm council, I can stick #YQR with 600M debt n I get a 10 year head-start to escape! but 1st let me close some pools in poor neighbourhoods

@BeardedInventor: It's snowing in #yqr again.. on the bright side, I'm pretty sure this is mountain weather - which means there are mountains near by.. right?

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In Focus

The many faces of Parker

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In the movie Parker, Jason Statham, British action-man and Hollywood star, plays the title character. He's a ruthless career criminal with a twisted sense of ethics — he doesn't steal from the poor or hurt innocent people.

Sound familiar? Well it should, as the character is the star of 24 books written by Donald E. Westlake (under the pseudonym Richard Stark). Many films have also been made from the books, with Parker played by everyone from Lee Marvin to Mel Gibson to Robert Duvall.

If the movies don't ring a bell, however, it's because on film, Parker has often been renamed.

For instance, in 1967's Point Blank (based upon the novel The Hunter) Lee Marvin played the character named Parker in the book, but changed to Walker for the film.

In the '70s and '80s, the Westlake Parker novels remained popular Hollywood source material. Robert Duvall switched the name to Macklin in 1973's The Outfit, one of Quentin Tarantino's favourite films.

The best-known Parker adaptation is Payback in 1999, but with so many actors having played the character, who would Westlake, his creator, like to have seen in the role? "Usually I don't put an actor's face to the character," he said, "though with Parker, in the early days, I did think he probably looked something like Jack Palance. That may be partly because you knew Palance wasn't faking it."

Movie 43 director Peter Farrelly said he was surprised big stars like Halle Berry agreed to star in the film. HANDOUT

Movie 43 is either going to be Funny or Die trying

Interview. While the collection of bizarre shorts may include famous actors, the director doesn't see it doing well on Rotten Tomatoes

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Before director/producer Peter Farrelly will get on with our interview, he needs to make sure he's talking to someone from a real publication.

"Metro News sounds like something out of Superman," Farrelly says. "'I work for the Metro News!'"

After assuring him that we are very real, it's time to talk about the raunchy comedy anthology Movie 43, a project that's also very real, even if Farrelly is working without his brother Bobby, his co-director on such career-definers as Dumb and Dumber and There's Something About Mary.

You've got some big stars in this, some with Oscars. How did you convince them to take part?

Well, when we got Kate (Winslet) and Hugh (Jackman), Charlie Wessler, the producer, told them that Coen Brothers were going to direct them, and then I showed up and said that they'd had to cancel (laughs). I was nervous showing up with Kate Winslet and Halle Berry and Hugh Jackman. I thought when they got on the set they were going to blink and say, 'You're kidding. I can't be doing this.' Not only did they not, they embraced it like it was their first movie ever and they wanted to go for it.

Hit or miss

"It's groundbreaking and odd and offensive and critics aren't going to know what to do with it."

Peter Farrelly
Talking about how he expects Movie 43 to be received poorly by the critics.

How do you think approaching a project like this has changed since the advent of Funny or Die and the Internet in general?

The world's attention spans have diminished drastically in the last 10 years, so you can't just have a movie of shorts. What we had to do is have a wraparound story that explains what Movie 43 is and keeps you wanting to know what's going to happen at the end.

How much do sites like Funny or Die work as far as finding new comedy talent?

That's where we got all our new talent, in fact. Charlie would scour Funny or Die and the entire Internet for funny pieces and then contact those guys or women and say, 'Hey, that's hilarious. We're doing a movie of shorts, you want to write one?'

How did you decide which of the segments to direct yourself?

I just picked the best ones (laughs). Because I'm the producer. Um, no, I picked the ones that I thought were the funniest. And by the way, it's going to get about a six per cent on the Rotten Tomatoes scale if we're lucky, just so you know. Because it's groundbreaking and odd and offensive and critics aren't going to know what to do with it.

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Prince Harry on nude scandal

Prince Harry is finally speaking out about his nude photo scandal from his trip to Las Vegas last summer, acknowledging it wasn't his proudest moment. "I probably let myself down. I let my family down. I let other people down," Harry told reporters as he wrapped up his latest four-month stint in Afghanistan. But he doesn't think he was the only one acting inappropriately. "At the end of the day, I was in a private area and there should be a certain amount of privacy," he said. "The way I was treated by (the media) I don't think is acceptable."

Selena Gomez

Selena Gomez enjoying life after Bieber

Selena Gomez seems to be definitely moving on after her split from Justin Bieber. After playing a recent benefit concert where she covered break up songs by Taylor Swift and Justin Timberlake, Gomez was recently spotted running off with a "scruffy young guy," according to the New York Post. Gomez and the dark-haired mystery man shared a private car away from the venue, heading out to a night of partying around New York City.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

The Beyoncé lip-syncing scandal

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If you are one of the millions who thought that a triumphant Beyoncé trumped Kelly Clarkson's vocal prowess at Monday's inauguration, you should know a little secret: Beyoncé might have lip sang The Star Spangled Banner.

The Internet was abuzz yesterday with a much-circulated story that a spokesperson (who has probably since been fed to the wolves) from the Marine Corp Band, which backed Beyoncé (Beyonsync? Hackonce?) and said that the singer decided at the "last minute to go with the pre-recorded version."

Lip-sync? Beyoncé? Girlfriend ripped out her ear piece and then went on to nail it!

If her removing her earpiece was indeed just a dramatic, unneeded touch in order to fool us, her acting ability is much better than Austin Powers in Goldmember gives her credit for.

Sheryl Crow

'Honesty is always the best bet,' says Crow of ex-fiancée, Lance Armstrong

Lance Armstrong's ex-fiancée, Sheryl Crow, is speaking out on the disgraced cyclist's coming clean about his years of doping, admitting it would have been tough for Armstrong to keep it a secret much longer.

"I think that honesty is always the best bet and that the truth will set you free," she tells Entertainment Tonight, admitting that she'd only seen "bits and pieces" of Armstrong's two-part interview with Oprah Winfrey.

"To carry around a weight like that would be devastating in the long run."

Twitter

@oliviawilde
I would like to request that the word fiancée be replaced with beyoncé, for obvious reasons. Effective immediately.

@ladygaga
And if you thought I was looking at you during the show I was.

@IJasonAlexander
With every passing day, I fear that growth spurt my pediatrician swore I'd get may be more and more of a bad prognosis.

@Sethrogen
You don't automatically look like me if you're chubby and have stubble and glasses. You have to be Jewish too.

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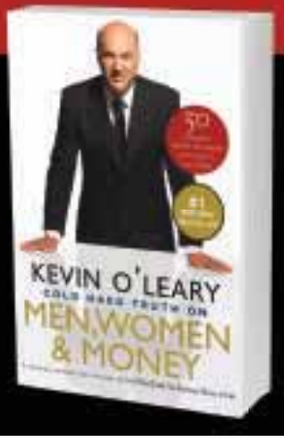

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On Friday, pubs around the globe will be fully stocked in tribute to Scotland's national poet – Robbie Burns. Born in 1759, Burns was a Scottish poet and lyricist celebrated internationally for such works as Auld Lang Syne and Address to a Haggis. He was voted the Greatest Scot of All Time in a national 2009 television contest. If you find yourself in Edinburgh, here are some ways to get to know the man behind the day.

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Edinburgh is Burns-ing

The Writers' Museum

The Writers' Museum focuses on Scotland's three greatest wordsmiths — Sir Walter Scott, Robert Louis Stevenson and of course, Robbie Burns. Fans of great literature can learn about the bard's life through portraits, early manuscripts, personal items and, for the more macabre, even a rare plaster cast of Burns' skull — all set in the beautifully historic 17th Century Lady's Stair House on Edinburgh's Royal Mile.

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The Burns Monument

The 19th Century-commissioned Burns Monument was constructed to house a life-size statue of Robbie Burns. Although the marble likeness is now found in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, its impressive shelter still stands. Located on Regent Road, the circular, recently restored Neo-Greek-style temple also supplies a worthy view of Arthur's Seat — the stunning mountainous hill that rises above Edinburgh.

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Scottish National Portrait Gallery

Not only does the 123-year old building contain the aforementioned statue of Burns, but the Scottish National Portrait Gallery is one of Edinburgh's most neo-gothic architectural fascinations. Shortlisted as the UK's museum of the year in 2012, this popular museum explores Scotland's history through its extensive portrait collection of the country's most luminous icons, including everyone from Robbie Burns to Mary, Queen of Scots and even legendary actor Sean Connery.

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The White Hart Inn

A 16th century pub that boasts Robbie Burns among its past patrons, the fascinating White Hart Inn in Edinburgh's historic Grassmarket Square also claims to have hosted notorious 19th Century murderers Burke and Hare and survived an attack by a German zeppelin during the First World War. In the true spirit of Robbie Burns however, you should at least wrap up your day of travels with the pub's "wee taste of haggis with bashed neeps".

GENEVIVEROMIER/FLICKR

Impress your dinner guests with easy Pesto-Stuffed Chicken Rolls

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This delicious, elegant and simple dish is perfect for entertaining. The rolls can be left whole, sliced in half or cut into medallions.

For the health-conscious, making your own low-fat version of pesto is preferable, but for this recipe a store-bought version is fine. Buy roasted red peppers packed in water, not oil, or make your own.

Ingredients

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts (about 1 lb)
- 2 tbsp light cream cheese, softened
- 1 tbsp pesto
- 2 tbsp roasted red pepper, chopped
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp water or low-fat milk
- 1/2 cup dry seasoned bread crumbs
- 2 tsp vegetable oil

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with cooking oil.

2. Working with one at a time, place the chicken breasts between two sheets of waxed paper and pound to an even quarter-inch thickness.

3. Stir the cream cheese and pesto together in a small bowl until smooth. Divide the mixture among the chicken breasts, spreading it thinly over the surface. Scatter the red pepper over top. Starting at the short end, roll up each chicken breast and secure with a toothpick or skewer.

4. Beat the egg and water together in a shallow bowl, then place the bread crumbs on a plate.

5. Spray a large non-stick skillet with cooking oil. Add the oil and place over medium-high heat. Dip each chicken roll in the egg mixture, then coat in the bread crumbs. Cook, turning occasionally, for 3 minutes or until well browned on all sides. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet.

6. Bake for 12 to 14 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the centre. Remove the toothpicks and serve chicken rolls whole or slice the rolls into medallions.

This recipe serves 4. LORELLA ZANETTI/FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN

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Drink of the Week

Hot Butter Rum

A mix of dark rum, butter, sugar and a pinch of cinnamon is mixed with boiling water for a warming winter drink. The glass is rimmed with cinnamon sugar and a cinnamon stick is used as a garnish.

- 1 oz dark rum
- 1 packet butter
- Pinch cinnamon
- 2 packets sugar
- Hot water
- Cinnamon stick for garnish

Add all ingredients to glass and stir well, melting butter.

Rim coffee glass with cinnamon sugar.

Garnish with cinnamon stick and stir well.

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This herb-roasted Cornish game hen really cuts the mustard

1. Heat the oven to 400 F.

2. In a small bowl, combine sage, thyme, lemon zest and salt. Separate skin from meat on breast and thighs of each hen. Rub a quarter of herb blend directly onto breast and thigh meat (under the skin) of each hen. Cover and chill the hens.

3. Meanwhile, in large saucepan or Dutch oven, arrange chicken wings in a single layer. Roast wings on the oven's middle rack for 15 minutes, then turn and roast another 15 minutes, or until golden. Add onion, carrot, garlic, tomato paste and thyme sprig, then roast another 15 minutes, or until vegetables are slightly caramelized. Turn off the oven.

4. Set pan of wings and vegetables over medium heat on stovetop. Add wine and bring to simmer, scraping bottom to release browned bits. Simmer until wine is reduced by half. Add chicken broth and enough cold water to cover wings by 1 inch. Bring liquid to a boil and simmer for 2 hours, adding water as necessary to keep wings covered.

5. After the liquid has simmered for 1 1/2 hours, heat oven to 475 F. Remove hens from the refrigerator and use paper towels to pat dry. Coat lightly with olive oil cooking spray, then use cooking twine to tie legs together. Arrange hens on rack in shallow roasting pan. Roast in middle of oven for 30 minutes.

6. Transfer hens to a platter and let rest, loosely covered with foil, for 10 minutes.

7. When chicken stock has simmered for 2 hours, strain mixture into large bowl, discarding solids. Skim off any fat. Wipe pot used to make stock, then pour stock back into it. Return to stovetop over high heat and boil until reduced to 1 cup, about 10 minutes.

8. In small cup, whisk together cornstarch and evaporated skim milk. While whisking constantly, add cornstarch mixture to simmering stock. Continue whisking until thickened, then whisk in mustard. Season with pinch of salt and pepper. Add juices from resting hens to sauce. Transfer hens to plates and pour sauce over each one. Garnish with fresh thyme and sage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This recipe serves 4. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup chopped fresh sage, plus extra to garnish
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh thyme, plus 1 large sprig for stock and extra to garnish
- 1 tbsp plus 1 tsp lemon zest
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- Four 1 1/4 lbs Cornish game hens
- 1 lb chicken wings, separated into joints
- 1 cup coarsely chopped yellow onion
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped carrot
- 2 garlic cloves, smashed
- 1 tbsp tomato paste
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/2 cup evaporated skim milk
- 2 tbsp Dijon mustard
- Ground black pepper

Main course. Duck Breasts á l'Orange

Ingredients

- 2 whole Peking duck breasts (4 halves)
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 3 small oranges
- 1 medium shallot, minced (about 1/4 cup)
- 1 1/2 tbsp sherry vinegar
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 tsp cornstarch dissolved in 2 tsp water
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- Chopped fresh chives

1. Using a sharp knife, lightly score skin on each duck breast half in a crisscross pattern. Sprinkle lightly on all sides with salt and pepper.

2. Heat large skillet over medium high until hot. Reduce heat to medium and place duck breasts, skin side down, in skillet. Cook for 10 minutes, or until skin looks crispy. Do not pour off fat.

3. When duck skin is crisp, transfer breasts to plate. Pour off all but 2 tsps of fat from pan. Return duck to skillet, skin side up, and cook another 3 to 5 minutes for medium-rare. Transfer duck to clean plate, skin side up. Cover loosely with foil and let rest.

4. Juice 2 1/2 of oranges (about 1/2 cup of juice). Thinly slice remaining half.

5. Without cleaning the skillet, return to medium heat and add shallots. Sauté until golden, 2 to 3 minutes. Add orange juice and simmer until reduced by half. Add sherry vinegar and simmer 2 minutes. Add chicken broth and orange slices and simmer until slightly syrupy, or reduced by about 1/3.

6. Whisk cornstarch mixture, then whisk into sauce. Simmer, whisking 1 minute. Add mustard and any juices. Season with salt and pepper.

7. Thinly slice duck and arrange on 6 plates. Spoon sauce with orange slices over each portion, then sprinkle with chives.

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Banished from your brush with careerdom

Have you been laid off as a recent grad? Dust yourself off and begin to plot a new plan of action

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Turn that frown upside down. Most employers understand that we are living in difficult economic times and that lay offs are sometimes inescapable. ISTOCK

You go into work one morning and it happens.

You get called into your boss's office and you're told that your relationship with the company has ended.

In other words, you've just been laid off. A whirlwind of emotions run through you: anger, shame, regret, despair. When I was first laid off last year, I was shocked to say the least. Until that point, I had never suffered a major professional failure.

When I was laid off again later that same year, I was beside myself. Not only was my self-confidence destroyed, but I also believed that my future career prospects were shot as well. After all, who would hire someone who had been laid off not once, but TWICE — especially in today's ultra competitive job market?

Well, after I stopped whining like a petulant child, I realized that there were plenty of opportunities still available to me, including some that I hadn't seriously considered before.

Before I could come to that realization, however, I had to get through the initial post-lay off blues.

If you've recently lost your job and you're feeling as lost and confused as I once was, here is some advice to help you get past these difficult times:

Don't immediately jump back into your job search

After you've been laid off, your first instinct might be to go home and immediately start looking for your next job. This is usually not the best thing to do. Your emotions will still be running high and you're not likely to get very far in your job search if you can't speak objectively about your previous employer. Take a day or two to relax and cool your head.

Vent!

You'll undoubtedly have very strong feelings regarding your former employer, and the best thing to do is to get these emotions off your chest.

Whether it's ranting to friends and family or writing a strongly-worded review on RateMyEmployer.ca, venting your frustrations will help you clear your head and get you ready to get back to work.

Just be careful not to blast your former employer, boss or co-workers in a public sphere like social media.

Figure out your next step

Now that you're all mellowed out, take some time to seriously consider the circumstances that led to your loss of employment.

While some lay offs—like those due to entire companies shutting down—are unexpected and unavoidable, many lay offs are also partly the result of individual job performance.

Thinking critically about your past job performance can help you pinpoint gaps in your skills or experience that may have led you to perform less well than some of your peers.

If you can identify these deficiencies then you can figure out how to overcome them and hopefully avoid being laid off again.

Door closes, window opens

It's not the end of the world

- Remember when I said that losing my job made me realize how many new opportunities I really had in front of me?
- Before I was laid off, I had never seriously considered a career in writing. I'd thought about it in passing, but I'd always told myself that it was a very difficult field in which to be successful and that I just didn't have enough experience to compete.
- Instead, I'd looked towards "safer" jobs that offered me more money and more stability—or so I thought. Being laid off twice made me realize that there is no such thing as real job security in this day and age, and that you're much better off doing something you enjoy.

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Career quandaries for those with disabilities

Necessary knowledge. When seeking out the perfect position for you, it's important to do your research and to know your rights

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It is always stressful seeking employment; however, another layer of stress is added, for those with disabilities, when it comes to making a decision on when and whether to disclose that disability to a prospective employer.

Although there is plenty of research that illustrates the potential benefits to an employer of having a diverse workforce that includes persons with disabilities, there are certainly many misconceptions that could stand in your way.

When trying to decide the best way to proceed, it is important to first know the laws and how they can protect you.

What are your rights, responsibilities and obligations?

First, take some time to review the Canadian Human Rights Commission website (chrc-ccdp.gc.ca).

You will find on their site information on Duty to Accommodate, A Guide to Creating an Inclusive Workplace, and examples of past cases that are viewed as significant in forming and upholding the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The more you know and understand our laws, the more confident you will feel about what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour on the part of employers. This will ensure that you know what your rights are and how you can work together with a prospective employer to protect them.

However, regardless of how many laws there are to protect us, we still need to use common sense, instinct and judgment when it comes to any topic that may leave us vulnerable to discrimination.

Thus, I encourage you to do research on prospective places of employment. Seek out companies that have a track record of hiring and supporting individuals with disabilities. Some may have company policies that promote and advocate for a more diverse and inclusive workplace. If you know this in advance, it may impact your decision on whether you disclose a disability and when.

Ask around!

Know another individual who has a disability and is working at a company that you are interested in?

- Set up an informational interview to talk about his or her experiences and get some first-hand advice on how he or she handled the job application process and how he or she was treated during and after hiring.

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Penguins, from left, Evgeni Malkin, Chris Kunitz, Sidney Crosby and Paul Martin celebrate Kunitz's empty-net goal against the Flyers in Philadelphia on Saturday. JEFF ZELEVANSKY/GETTY IMAGES

Pens flying high with stars grounded ... so far

NHL. Pittsburgh's role players have team off to quick start heading into home opener vs. Leafs

Sidney Crosby hasn't scored yet. Evgeni Malkin either. The way the superstar duo's teammates are playing for the Pittsburgh Penguins at the moment, it hardly matters.

Not with forward James Neal picking up right where he left off during his career season a year ago. Not with No. 2 goaltender Tomas Vokoun looking very much like the reliable backup Pittsburgh envisioned when it traded for him last spring.

Sure, it was just a 30-hour stretch in a season that even at 48 games will include some ups and downs. And while coach Dan Bylsma is quick to warn about the dangers of reading too much into emphatic road victories over Philadelphia and the New York Rangers, the fact is the Penguins appear to be every bit as good as advertised heading into Wednesday's home opener against Toronto.

"To be able to get back to back wins (and be) four points up on the Rangers with that win, that's two good road wins for our team," Bylsma said.

Though it's still early, the Penguins are playing with a cohesion Bylsma wasn't sure would surface so soon following an all-too-brief training camp. Given a week to get ready for the regular season, Bylsma didn't have time to get a real feel for things, and instead focused on situational hockey like power play and penalty kill while hoping everything else would take care of itself.

Consider it done.

The special teams haven't been too bad either. Pittsburgh converted four of eight power plays over the weekend and killed eight of nine penalties. The only rough spot came in the third period against the Rangers, when things got a little loose after the Penguins took a 5-1 lead. New York drew within 5-3 before the Penguins settled down, the kind of hiccups Pittsburgh knows it needs to avoid.

"There are some details we need to get better at, especially when we're up and have a lead like that against New York in the third," defenceman Kris Letang said. "We can't let them get any life ... we didn't really manage it that well."

Still, figuring out how to nurse a big lead over a rival on the road is a pretty good problem to have. So is wondering when Crosby and Malkin will find the back of the net. Not that they haven't been busy. Malkin already has four assists in two games while Crosby collected his first helper on a Matt Niskanen goal against the Rangers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

By the numbers

3-0

A victory over the Maple Leafs would give Pittsburgh its first 3-0 start since the 1994-95 season, when the Penguins won 12 of their first 13 games.

MLB

Jays fill out roster with DeRosa

The Toronto Blue Jays signed veteran infielder Mark DeRosa to a $750,000 US, one-year contract Tuesday and designated right-hander Sam Dyson for assignment.

DeRosa's contract includes a $750,000 club option for the 2014 season.

The 37-year-old batted .188 with five doubles and six RBIs in 48 games for the Washington Nationals last season.

In 1,153 career games over 15 big-league seasons, DeRosa has posted a .270 average with 93 home runs and 458 RBIs.

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NCAA

Te'o's 'girlfriend' speaks out on hoax

The woman whose photo was used as the "face" of the Twitter account of Notre Dame linebacker Manti Te'o's supposed girlfriend says the man allegedly behind the hoax confessed and apologized to her.

Diane O'Meara told NBC's Today Show Tuesday that Ronaiah Tuiasosopo used pictures of her without her knowledge in creating a fake woman called Lennay Kekua. Te'o asserts he was tricked into an online romance with Kekua and, until last week, did not understand he was being hoaxed.

O'Meara went to high school in California with Tuiasosopo, but she says they're not close. He called to apologize Jan. 16, the day Deadspin.com broke the hoax story, she said.

"I don't think there's anything he could say to me that would fix this," said O'Meara, a 23-year-old marketing executive in Los Angeles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

James Patrick takes down Argo Andre Durie during a game in Toronto in October 2010. Patrick and Sandro DeAngelis were released by the Roughriders on Tuesday. RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Patrick and DeAngelis out, George in for Roughriders

The Saskatchewan Roughriders have re-signed defensive lineman Tearrius George and released former all-stars James Patrick and Sandro DeAngelis.

George was tied for ninth in the league with six sacks last season. He also recorded 19 tackles and a fumble recovery while appearing in all 18 games for Saskatchewan.

Over six CFL seasons, George has posted 95 defensive tackles and 21 sacks.

Patrick, a safety, spent the last five seasons with Riders after signing as a free agent in 2008 out of Stillman College. In 2012, he had his worst statistical year since his rookie season, registering 40 tackles and no interceptions.

Patrick was an all-star in 2010, when he recorded 68 tackles, nine interceptions and a touchdown. He has 227 defensive tackles, 18 interceptions and two sacks in his career.

DeAngelis, from Niagara Falls, Ont., is a three-time all-star kicker. He was the outstanding Canadian of the 2008 Grey Cup, where his five field goals helped the Calgary Stampeders beat the Montreal Alouettes 22-14 at Olympic Stadium.

DeAngelis connected on 30 of 39 field goal attempts last season with the Riders. Over eight CFL seasons with Calgary, Hamilton, Montreal and Saskatchewan, he has connected on 280 of 341 field-goal attempts.

The Roughriders also announced that they have released receiver Clay Cooke, who spent most of last season on the practice roster as an eligible junior.

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Maria Sharapova serves during her quarter-final match against Ekaterina Makarova in Melbourne on Tuesday. LUCAS DAWSON/GETTY IMAGES

Sharapova laying the hammer down in women's draw

Australian Open. Four-time Grand Slam winner cruises into semis having lost just 9 games in 5 matches

Maria Sharapova has lost only nine games in five matches on the way to the semifinals at the Australian Open. Always the perfectionist, she sees room for improvement.

Defending champion Novak Djokovic made some improvements of his own later Tuesday, beating Tomas Berdych 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 to advance to a semifinal against David Ferrer.

After needing five hours, two minutes to beat Stanislas Wawrinka in the fourth round Sunday, Djokovic never appeared threatened in his pursuit of a third consecutive Australian Open title. He completed his win over Berdych in exactly half the time of his previous victory.

Remaining men's quarters

On Wednesday, the other side of the men's draw has second-seeded Roger Federer facing Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and No. 3 Andy Murray taking on Jeremy Chardy of France.

Sharapova beat fellow Russian Ekaterina Makarova 6-2, 6-2 on Tuesday and was asked afterward if she'd lost focus in only a few games this tournament.

"No, I'd probably say more," she said, "but that's probably because I'm critical."

If that's the case, she's a pretty tough taskmaster.

After opening with a pair of 6-0, 6-0 wins, Sharapova beat seven-time major winner Venus Williams 6-1, 6-3 in the third round and Belgian Kristen Flipkens 6-0, 6-1 in the fourth.

Her impressive streak comes after having played in no warm-up tournaments because of a right collarbone injury. But after losing to Victoria Azarenka in a lopsided final last year, Sharapova is taking nothing for granted.

"To be honest, those are not the stats you want to be known for," Sharapova said, adding that she was more concerned about adding a fifth Grand Slam title and had spent plenty of time on the practice court.

Sharapova's semifinal opponent will be Li Na, who beat Agnieszka Radwanska 7-5, 6-3 in the first of Tuesday's quarter-finals, breaking the Polish player's 13-match winning streak to start the season.

The quarter-finals on the other half of the draw were Wednesday, with American teen Sloane Stephens taking on Serena Williams, who is aiming for a third consecutive major title, and Azarenka topping two-time major winner Svetlana Kuznetsova to advance to the semis. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Wings stalwart Holmstrom calls it a career

Tomas Holmstrom called it the best job in the world.

It just wasn't always glamorous.

"Some people may think I've been crazy all those years, taking thousands of cross-checkings to my neck, to my head, to my back," Holmstrom said. "Then having my teammates shooting hundred-mile-an-hour pucks at me."

Holmstrom made his retirement official Tuesday after 15 seasons with the Detroit Red Wings, announcing it at a news conference before the team's home opener against Dallas. The gritty winger helped Detroit to four Stanley Cup titles with his hard-nosed play in front of the net. He also won an Olympic gold medal in 2006 with Sweden.

Holmstrom, 40, finished his NHL career with 243 goals and 287 assists in 1,024 regular-season games. He made his debut in 1996. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CTE can be identified in living athletes: Study

A new study has offered the first evidence CTE, a concussion-related brain disease, can be identified in living athletes, a discovery experts say could change the way professional sports treats concussions and head trauma in players.

Currently, chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) is diagnosed only after death, using an autopsy. The new findings are a step toward identifying the disease while players are still alive.

"It suggests we're on the right track," UCLA neuroscientist Gary Small, an Alzheimer's specialist and lead author on the study, said in an interview. "We have an approach or a strategy to detect the problem early so we can develop treatments before there's extensive damage."

In the study, published Tuesday in the American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, UCLA researchers injected a biomarker into five retired NFL players ages 45 to 73 with a history of CTE symptoms, as well as a control group of healthy adults. They then ran all the participants through a brain scan to look for tau proteins, an indicator of CTE, locating significant amounts in the retired players' brains.

Experts believe CTE can develop in athletes after repeated minor head injuries. Symptoms can include depression, dementia, memory loss and suicidal behaviour, according to previous studies.

Signs of chronic traumatic encephalopathy were identified in the brain of Junior Seau, who shot himself to death last year. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Signs of the disease were identified earlier this month in the brain of Pro Bowl linebacker Junior Seau, who fatally shot himself in the chest last year. CTE has also been diagnosed in post-mortem examinations of former NHL enforcers Derek Boogaard and Bob Probert.

Since CTE was first identified about a decade ago, the disease has also been found in brain tissue belonging to dozens of former American and Canadian football players, most notably through research conducted at the U.S.-based Brain Injury Research Institute, which funded Small's research.

The UCLA study uses a biomarker that has been used to track Alzheimer's. According to the study, it is the only imaging substance that can locate tau in living people. This, the authors say, is the first study to apply it to CTE.

Among the players tested, the biomarker revealed excessive amounts of tau in regions of the brain that control emotions and behaviour. Researchers found "a straight line" between the number of concussions the players had suffered and the amount of tau protein in their brains, Small said.

"That goes along with other studies that show if you have three or more concussions, it increases your risk for mild cognitive impairment and depression symptoms," he said.

Small stressed the study is only the first step in studying brain degeneration in living athletes with histories of repeated head trauma.

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	0	9	4	4
New Jersey	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
NY Islanders	2	1	1	0	5	5	2
Philadelphia	2	0	2	0	3	8	0
NY Rangers	2	0	2	0	4	9	0

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Ottawa	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
Buffalo	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
Boston	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Toronto	2	1	1	0	3	3	2
Montreal	1	0	1	0	1	2	0

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Tampa Bay	2	1	1	0	9	7	2
Florida	2	1	1	0	5	5	2
Winnipeg	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Washington	1	0	1	0	3	6	0
Carolina	1	0	1	0	1	5	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	2	2	0	0	11	6	4
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	10	3	4
Columbus	2	1	0	1	6	6	3
Detroit	2	1	1	0	4	9	2
Nashville	2	0	0	2	5	7	2

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Minnesota	2	2	0	0	5	2	4
Edmonton	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Vancouver	2	0	1	1	5	10	1
Colorado	1	0	1	0	2	4	0
Calgary	2	0	2	0	5	9	0

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	2	2	0	0	12	7	4
San Jose	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Dallas	2	1	1	0	4	4	2
Los Angeles	1	0	1	0	2	5	0
Phoenix	2	0	2	0	7	10	0

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Tuesday's results
Winnipeg at Washington
Tampa Bay at Carolina
Florida at Montreal
Dallas at Detroit
Philadelphia at New Jersey
Nashville at Minnesota
St. Louis at Chicago
Los Angeles at Colorado
San Jose at Edmonton

Monday's results
Anaheim 5 Calgary 4
Boston 2 Winnipeg 1 (SO)
Buffalo 2 Toronto 1
Detroit 4 Columbus 3 (SO)
NY Islanders 4 Tampa Bay 3
Ottawa 4 Florida 0
St. Louis 4 Nashville 3 (SO)

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at NY Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Thursday's games
NY Islanders at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Washington, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Rangers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

At Melbourne, Australia

Men's Singles — Quarter-finals
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Tomas Berdych (5), Czech Rep., 6-1, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.
David Ferrer (4), Spain, def. Nicolas Almagro (10), Spain, 4-6, 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

Women's Singles — Quarter-finals
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Ekaterina Makarova (19), Russia, 6-2, 6-2.
Li Na (6), China, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (4), Poland, 7-5, 6-3.

Junior Boy's Singles — Second Round
Hugo Di Feo (16), Montreal, def. Petros Chrysochos, Cyprus, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (2), 6-2.

Doubles — Second Round
Jay Andrijic and Bradley Mousley, Australia, def. Hugo Di Feo and **Brayden Schnur (5), Montreal**, 6-3, 7-5.

Junior Girl's Doubles — Second Round
Ana Konjuh, Croatia, and **Carol Zhao (1), Richmond Hill, Ont.**, def. Beatriz Haddad Maia, Brazil, and Giulia Pairone, Italy, 6-3, 6-1.
Antonia Lottner, Germany, and **Erin Routliffe (2), Caledon, Ont.**, def. Harriet Dart, Britain, and Hsu Ching-wen, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-2.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	26	12	.684	—
New York	25	14	.641	1½
Indiana	26	16	.619	2
Brooklyn	25	16	.610	2½
Chicago	24	16	.600	3
Atlanta	23	18	.561	4½
Milwaukee	21	18	.538	5½
Boston	20	21	.488	7½
Philadelphia	17	24	.415	10½
Detroit	15	25	.375	12
Toronto	15	26	.366	12½
Orlando	14	26	.350	13
Cleveland	11	32	.256	17½
Charlotte	10	31	.244	17½
Washington	9	30	.231	17½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	32	9	.780	½
L.A. Clippers	32	10	.762	—
San Antonio	33	11	.750	—
Memphis	26	14	.650	5
Golden State	25	15	.625	6
Denver	25	18	.581	7½
Utah	22	19	.537	9½
Houston	22	21	.512	10½
Portland	20	21	.488	11½
Minnesota	17	21	.447	13
Dallas	18	24	.429	14
L.A. Lakers	17	24	.415	14½
Sacramento	16	26	.381	16
New Orleans	14	27	.341	17½
Phoenix	13	28	.317	18½

Tuesday's results
Cleveland 95 Boston 90
Orlando at Detroit
Philadelphia at Milwaukee
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers

Monday's results
Atlanta 104 Minnesota 96
Brooklyn 88 New York 85
Chicago 95 L.A. Lakers 83
Golden State 106 L.A. Clippers 99
Houston 100 Charlotte 94
Indiana 82 Memphis 81
New Orleans 114 Sacramento 105
San Antonio 90 Philadelphia 85
Washington 98 Portland 95

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New Orleans at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

DRIVE

Tech that! New gadgets in 2013

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Hyundai's Infiniti Q50 (above) has optional Direct Adaptive Steering while their HCD-14 comes with eye tracking and hand-gesture recognition. CONTRIBUTED

Last week's auto show in Detroit produced lots of eye candy, but also revealed several crazy new technologies.

Which is obviously the way it should be. Who wants an auto show to reheat the technological equivalent of last night's lasagna?

Here then are two Detroit tech debuts, which smelled and looked quite tasty...

Direct Adaptive Steering

Now there are lots of "switchable" steering systems out there — you know, the ones where you can select various modes of sportiness. Those systems typically recalibrate steering ratios, and in some cases, also engine and transmission settings. But the optional Direct Adaptive Steering system on the newly launched Infiniti Q50 is the world's first to also adjust steering "effort." It can do this because the steering wheel and steering column are not actually physically making the adjustments on the steering rack. Electric motors are doing it, according to sensors in the steering wheel — "Drive by wire" so to speak.

Each of the four adjustable settings will ask the steering rack motors to give the driver varying degrees of steering effort, like easy for highway cruising and nice and firm for twisty bits.

And steering wheel inputs can be translated to the wheels faster than ever — virtually at the speed of electricity.

Infiniti Canada's Tim Franklin was one of 30 or so lucky company execs that had a chance to sample the system at Infiniti's proving grounds in Japan. "It changes the whole character of the car, not just the throttle and steering," Franklin told us in Detroit. The other huge advantage, according to Franklin, is that road harshness is not transmitted up through the steering column to the steering wheel, because, well, there is no connection there: "It takes out the trash noises and emphasizes the feedback you want."

Eye Tracking and Hand-Gesture Recognition

Deep within the computerized brain of Hyundai's HCD-14, a concept of a future Genesis model, is the intelligence to do "eye tracking and 3D hand gesture recognition." This is how Hyundai figures we can get rid of all the distracting clusters of buttons and knobs on the instrument panels and consuls of today's vehicles — basically Hyundai's vision for the whole human-to-machine interface. Here's how it works: Via a heads-up-display in the windshield, the system shows the driver all the various options in the world of navigation, infotainment, HVAC, Smartphone connectivity, etc. To make your selection you keep your eye on what you want, and then confirm by a thumb button on the steering wheel and/or by making a gesture with your hand. If you selected stereo for instance, you can make it go louder simply by making another hand gesture in space. You don't need to touch anything. I'm not sure if the system will distinguish between these interface-related hand gestures and the ones motorists have traditionally been using to communicate their displeasure with other motorists. We can only assume engineers are working on it.

Don't fret over a recall, just fix it

Driving Force. Odds are there's nothing or very little wrong with your vehicle, but have it checked nonetheless

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It's the letter no one wants: the notice that your car has a safety recall. But while you should take it in for repair, there's really no need to worry. It's possible, and even very likely, that your vehicle is OK.

"Under the Motor Vehicle Safety Act, a company must issue a notice of safety defect, or safety recall notice, when it becomes aware of a defect in the design, construction or functioning of a vehicle that affects or is likely to affect the safety of any person," says Kelly James, media relations advisor for Transport Canada, which collects recall information and makes it available on its website (gc.tc.ca).

Recalls are issued when an automaker discovers something that could potentially fail and pose a safety hazard, such as faulty parts, design flaws or assembly errors. The auto manufacturer sends information to its dealers on how to repair the problem, along with any necessary parts.

It also mails notices to registered owners of the affected vehicles, informing them of the problem and outlining how to get it repaired. Any authorized dealer for your vehicle must perform the recall at no charge, although if the recall is extensive and parts are required, you may have to wait until enough replacement parts are produced and shipped out.

Cars can also be recalled if something doesn't comply with federal motor vehicle standards, which might be as minor as a warning label that isn't in both English and French. The automaker is required to include all vehicles that have the recalled part or design, even if the owner hasn't experienced any problems with it. The part may never fail on your car, but the company must replace it as a precaution.

Quite often, the problem will apply only to a particular batch of parts, or it will be discovered and fixed during production, and so only a specific number of cars will be affected.

Your friend may own the same year and model as your vehicle, but only one might be recalled.

To find out if a recall affects your vehicle, call the manufacturer or dealership. You'll need your 17-digit vehicle information number (VIN), which is on your ownership, or on the driver's side of the dash visible through the windshield.

Advice

- **Take note.** If you buy a used car, or if you move, phone the manufacturer and have your address registered to it, so any applicable recalls can be mailed to you. The automaker doesn't receive your details when you change the ownership at the licensing office.
- **Know the difference.** A technical service bulletin (TSB) is not the same as a recall. TSBs describe symptoms and what is possibly causing them.

Mistakes are rare, but they can happen on the factory floor. HANDOUT

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
Don't get annoyed if you have to amend your plans at the last moment today. If anything the changes will work in your favor. You of all people should know that few things stay the same for long.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Adopt a confident attitude today and you will accomplish great things. Go your own way and do your own thing and the whole world will look at you as if you are someone special – which, of course, you are.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Your conclusions about other people's motives could be a bit off target over the next 24 hours, so think before you speak. If you don't know all the facts it might be wise to keep your opinions to yourself.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
According to the planets your rivals are waiting for a chance to make you look bad but they will only succeed if you say or do something foolish. Be inscrutable: don't let anyone know what is going on inside your head.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Something needs to be brought into the open where it can be discussed. If you are wise you will initiate the discussion yourself because that will allow you to set the terms of debate – and that means you'll win.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You must stop chopping and changing. The worst thing that can happen today is that you change your mind and your goals yet again. Identify your number one priority and focus on it to the exclusion of everything else.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Keep your emotions in check and try not to take anything too seriously. Today's Mercury-Jupiter link will make it easy for you to see what is important and what is not, and act – or not act – accordingly.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If you want other people to back what you are doing you will have to convince them that the results will be as good for them as they are for you. It would help, of course, if it's the truth.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you sit back and wait for good things to come your way you will be disappointed, but if you go out and make things happen you will be amazed how easily you get ahead. The choice is (as ever) yours.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You cannot please everyone but you can please yourself – and you SHOULD please yourself. Whatever else you do over the next 24 hours make sure it makes you feel good. If others feel good too that's a bonus.

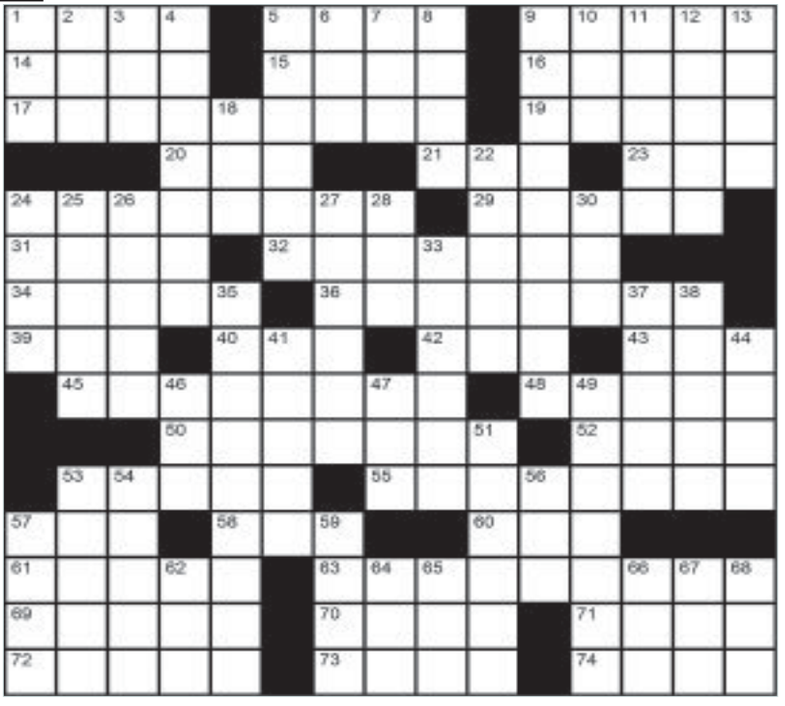
Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Mercury in your sign will help you get straight to the point today and that is essential as there are important tasks to be completed. It's not enough just to see clearly – you need to communicate clearly too.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You seem a bit fearful at the moment, scared you will either say too much or too little. The answer, of course, is to say what you feel and not care two hoots what other people might think about it. Toughen up.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

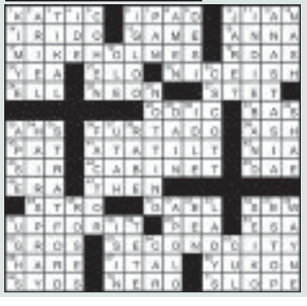
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. "_ __ Good Men" (1992)
5. Poetry event
9. "The Marilyn __ Show"
14. Ms. Loughlin
15. Care for
16. __ __ Janeiro
17. Quebec City landmark, Le Chateau __
19. Insects sci.
20. Mavericks, on scoreboards
21. "__ be my pleasure."
23. Hosp. professionals
24. __ Blackcomb (BC ski resort)
29. Concur
31. Move, in real estate lingo
32. '90s series, "Road to __"
34. Then: French
36. Party platter item: 2 wds.
39. Polite abbr. in texting
40. Hardwood choice
42. Toy-made dessert, __-Cone
43. '_' __ for Newfoundland
45. Prime Minister Harper's
48. _-__ heels
50. Writer, Henry David __
52. "Is it just __ __..."
53. Bar seat
55. Lorne Michaels' proteges through the yrs: 2 wds.
57. Swiss river, variantly
58. Alphabetic trio
60. Cloth
61. Sniff
63. Tries out for "American Idol"
69. Mr. Mandel
70. Famous vamp.
71. Night: French
72. Lets up
73. Jedi foe
74. 'Kitchen' add-on

Down
1. Alien sitcom
2. Pro
3. 'Ranch' suffix
4. Canada's City of Roses
5. Designer Ms. McCartney
6. "Steal My Sunshine" group
7. Actress Ms. Ortiz
8. Gladiator's 1601
9. Gold Rush symbol in the Yukon, a National Historic Site of Canada: __ __. _
10. German article
11. Montreal's __-Dame Basilica
12. '80s hit: "What Have _ __ to Deserve This?"
13. Tiny terms
18. Ink-on-skin pic
22. Jean-__ (Montreal metro station)
24. Sandwich sort
25. AC/DC's "__ Bells"
26. "_ __ my keys!"
27. Conjure upper
28. CBC's "The __ James Show"
30. "Totally awesome."
33. Car company
35. Dramatist of ancient Greece
37. "ER" actress Laura
38. Ornamental edging of loops
41. '60s tune: "You Really Got _ __ on Me"
44. Stock units [abbr.]
46. WWII zone
47. Super __ (Old video game console by Nintendo, commonly)
49. John Lennon anthem
51. Metallica drummer Lars
53. South Pacific island group
54. "Not Ready To Go" by The __
56. Meower
57. Tennis great Arthur
59. Actor George
62. __ detector test
64. William Tell's canton
65. Info, for short
66. Away
67. Puny parasite
68. Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	4	3	2	7	8	5	6	1
5	8	1	3	4	6	7	2	9
6	7	2	5	9	1	4	8	3
8	6	4	9	3	2	1	7	5
3	9	5	8	1	7	2	4	6
2	1	7	6	5	4	9	3	8
1	2	8	4	6	9	3	5	7
7	5	6	1	2	3	8	9	4
4	3	9	7	8	5	6	1	2

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EMPLOYEE FRIENDS & FAMILY PRICING

0%† FINANCING + UP TO $10,000 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS‡ ON SELECT MODELS

GET UP TO

$2,000 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS‡ WITH **0%†** FINANCING FOR 24 MONTHS

OR GET YOUR LOWEST PAYMENT

$95 BI-WEEKLY $0 DOWN AT **2.98%*** FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS

2012 CANADIAN & NORTH AMERICAN CAR OF THE YEAR

2013 ELANTRA

HWY: 5.2L/100 KM
CITY: 7.1L/100 KM

FRIENDS & FAMILY SELLING PRICE **$15,444♦**

ALL OFFERS INCLUDE $2,000 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS.
ELANTRA L 6-SPEED MANUAL.
DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

Limited model shown

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GET UP TO

$3,500 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS‡ WITH **0%†** FINANCING FOR 48 MONTHS

OR GET YOUR LOWEST PAYMENT

$132 BI-WEEKLY $0 DOWN AT **2.29%*** FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS

THE MOST FUEL-EFFICIENT FULL-SIZED CAR – NATURAL RESOURCE CANADA'S 2012 ECOENERGY VEHICLE AWARD◊

2013 SONATA

HWY: 5.6L/100 KM
CITY: 8.7L/100 KM

FRIENDS & FAMILY SELLING PRICE **$22,064♦**

ALL OFFERS INCLUDE $3,500 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS.
SONATA GL AUTO.
DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

Limited model shown

GET UP TO

$1,150 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS‡ WITH **0%†** FINANCING FOR 24 MONTHS

OR GET YOUR LOWEST PAYMENT

$166 BI-WEEKLY $0 DOWN AT **2.98%*** FINANCING FOR 84 MONTHS

2013 AJAC BEST NEW SUV (OVER $35K)

2013 SANTA FE

HWY: 6.7L/100 KM
CITY: 10.1L/100 KM

FRIENDS & FAMILY SELLING PRICE **$27,109♦**

ALL OFFERS INCLUDE $1,150 IN PRICE ADJUSTMENTS.
SANTA FE 2.4L FWD AUTO.
DELIVERY & DESTINATION INCLUDED.

5 YEAR WARRANTY
100,000 KM COMPREHENSIVE LIMITED WARRANTY™

5-year/100,000 km Comprehensive Limited Warranty
5-year/100,000 km Powertrain Warranty
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